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The Honourable Gord Mackintosh
Minister of Justice
Room 104
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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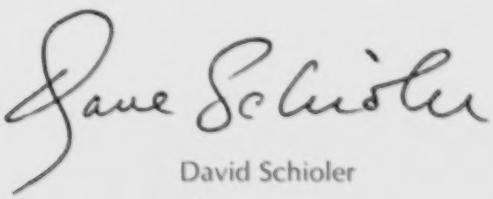
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 28 of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba Act, I am pleased to submit the Thirtieth Annual Report for the Society for the year ending March 31, 2002.

Detailed statistical information relating to clients, cases and costs is included. The report of the Auditor General and financial statements are attached. Also included is the Audited Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees and the Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in excess of $50,000 in accordance with Section 2 and 4 of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Respectfully submitted,



David Schioler
Chairperson
Board of Directors

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The past fiscal year has been one of continuing change at Legal Aid Manitoba. Through these changes we are challenged with providing the best possible legal coverage for as many Manitobans as possible with limited resources at hand. This means we have to be on the alert for changes in our society, keep abreast of trends and always look to move forward. Legal Aid Manitoba continues to provide the most comprehensive robust coverage for people who cannot afford to hire their own lawyer. Legal Aid Manitoba must live within a budget. Demand for services continues to increase. In this regard, Legal Aid Manitoba has had to be prepred to manage the pressures resulting from increased requests for assistance. More Manitobans are being provided with legal aid services. We are challenged by the reduction and withdrawal of private bar lawyers taking legal aid work. Demand on staff is increasing.

I must thank the front line people here at Legal Aid, both support and legal staff for the tremendous job they are doing, knowing full well the pressure they feel placed on them by the demands of our justice system. They have risen to the challenges we face, resulting in more efficiencies and a better organization.

Some significant developments at Legal Aid Manitoba are:

1. Holdback: the holdback continues to be imposed on criminal fees of 5%. The Board of Directors and Legal Aid management continue to be committed to its eventual removal.

2. Collaborative Law Initiative: Legal Aid is presently pursuing a new initiative called collaborative law.

   Collaborative law deals with family law cases and does not follow traditional litigation which can be fraught with angry clients, aggressive lawyers, high costs and an inflexible system with contested matters stretching over many years. The process involves using conflict (mediation) techniques to bring about settlement with reduced cost per case. We will be using a panel of lawyers comprising both staff and private bar.

   In this process, clients and their lawyers through a series of joint meetings, attempt to work through the issues to settlement. The process is settlement oriented and agreements arrived at are turned into a court order.

   Legal Aid Manitoba also sees this initiative as one that will bring about the return of private bar lawyers to accepting domestic certificates.

   There is a growing interest in collaborative law in a number of rural centres throughout Manitoba.

Legal Aid Manitoba is proud to be the first Plan in Canada to pursue the implementation of the Collaborative Law program to deal with domestic law matters.

3. Legal Aid was successful in being granted two projects funded by the Federal Justice Department. The two projects are:

   a) Establishment of a child protection full service duty counsel project: this project is a joint undertaking between Justice Canada and Legal Aid Manitoba. Legal Aid Manitoba will provide full coverage as duty counsel to the Child and Family Services Courts in Winnipeg. All parties in docket courts will be offered duty counsel services. There will be no choice of counsel at that stage, save for conflicts. Duty counsel will deal with all matters and provide representation to the point of pre-trial.

   If a matter is set for trial, choice of counsel will be given.

   We believe this project will have a number of benefits to the system: expedited court proceedings; improved parental involvement in the process; reduced or controlled costs; early intervention by counsel; earlier resolution of cases and fewer unrepresented parents or families.

   b) Specialized work in immigration and refugee areas: A very detailed Personal Information Form (PIF's) is required detailing the applicant's experience in their homeland. This is a time consuming activity that makes the provision of legal services to refugee claimants unattractive for lawyers and Legal Aid experiences considerable difficulty in maintaining an active panel for refugee matters. This project is for a paralegal to prepare the PIF's. Efficiencies and cost-savings will be a result of this project.

4. *Amicus Curiae*: Coverage for funding for *amicus curiae* appointments was undertaken in 1994 by Legal Aid as a favour to the court for a one year period when they were few in number. This coverage continued beyond that one year without any additional funding being provided. As a result of an ever increasing volume of appointments over the last number of years and on the recommendation of management, the Board of Directors of Legal Aid Manitoba at its March 31, 2001 meeting, made the decision to discontinue coverage of *amicus*. Limited coverage is provided in some matters which qualify in accordance with Section 34(2) of the *Child and Family Services Act of Manitoba*.

5. Office Amalgamations Continued: Ending off the old year and entering into the new year, we combined our Broadway (adult and youth) office along with our Criminal Trial Centre office into one location now called the Criminal Law Office. The Criminal Law Office is at a new location, easily accessible for clients and close to the courts. This office deals with all criminal matters from the initial duty counsel work to trial work.

The final phase of office amalgamation will occur in the next fiscal year, which will involve the Child Protection office being amalgamated with the Family Law office. This will complete the office amalgamation initiative.

6. Paralegal Training Course: In order to improve the effectiveness of our paralegal staff, an intensive paralegal training course was offered to our paralegals to enhance and sharpen the skills they already possess and to be a more efficient team player in the office. This program was put on by the Community Legal Education Association for three days. It was very successful. Paralegals will now work as a full team member, each with a group of lawyers.

7. New Board Members: Effective April 2003, Legal Aid replaced five of its Board Members with five new ones. The Board Members whose term ended were: Roger Kane, John Stamanchuk, Joan Harris, Corinne Armbruster and Bill Malcolm. They were replaced with Bill Armstrong, Grace Buhr, Marlene Campbell, George Muswaggon and Diane Doyle.

8. Women's Clinic: In June 2003, the Minister of Justice made a request of Legal Aid Manitoba to look at the establishment of a Women's Clinic. It was agreed that a Women's Clinic is required and will be beneficial to meet the needs of women and children involved in the justice system. The Executive Director of Legal Aid chairs the meetings of an implementation committee. Attendees comprised of volunteers from the Minister's office, Prosecutions, Judicial Services Court, Family Law, Legal Aid and various NGO's from the community. Since its first meeting, membership has grown and everyone on the committee is enthusiastic about the establishment of such a clinic here in Manitoba.

9. Legal Aid Manitoba continues to be faced with the private bar disappearing from the panel of lawyers who take certificates on legal aid. The active panel of lawyers has reduced by 8.2% over the last decade. This in turn places additional burdens and demands upon staff lawyers.

Demand for services continues to increase. We are almost at a crisis point in being able to provide legal aid services through the use of the private bar. Legal Aid Manitoba depends upon the private bar to provide 38% - 40% of all certificate work. This issue is under constant review.

Additionally, the demand and increase in disbursements has greatly increased in both domestic and criminal matters. Cases are becoming longer to advocate and clients are becoming more demanding.

In the criminal law area, given the zero tolerance policy and the charging of numerous co-accused with multiple offences, a huge burden is being placed on our ability to convince private bar lawyers

to take these lengthy, time consuming cases, more so, given the disappearing bar from taking legal aid work.

Our tariff continues to be the lowest in Canada. At $48 per hour based upon a block fee tariff, private bar lawyers are reducing their legal aid work as it is not economically feasible for them to afford doing legal aid work.

A funding increase is necessary to offset some of these growing demands and to increase the tariff to at least the average paid in Canada by other Legal Aid Plans.

Summary:

Even with the developments over the past fiscal year, the increases in demand for service, doing more with less, Legal Aid Manitoba has managed to meet most of the challenges placed upon us. We continue to strive to uphold our mission statement, that Legal Aid Manitoba is committed to ensuring equal access to justice for all Manitobans. We look to meeting and overcoming challenges we may face in the upcoming fiscal year.

Larry K. McNeilly
Executive Director

The mandate of the Public Interest Law Centre is to represent groups and organizations on public interest and law reform issues at law. The Centre also takes individual test cases when issues of public importance are presented, affecting a broad class of persons. It seeks to maximize the services provided. The Centre carries a broad portfolio of cases and projects, with an emphasis on equality rights, aboriginal issues, social welfare and public services, and consumer matters.

The Centre initiated several cases on behalf of clients and community groups in relation to ongoing challenges. Some are adoption rights cases, granted in Queen's Bench proceedings commenced on behalf of two lesbian couples seeking equal rights under Manitoba adoption law. A year and a half the Minister, General announced that legislation would be introduced resolving the issue and confirming the equality rights of same-sex couples with respect to adoption. The Centre also succeeded in major test case concerning Aboriginal and Treaty rights to land and resources in Manitoba. We received at which we are not public at the date of publication. Next year's report will provide full details.

In December 2001, the Supreme Court of Canada heard the Centre's appeal on behalf of federal government, inmates claiming a charter right to vote under the Canada Elections Act. The litigation is a number of phases dates back to the 1980's and the Court's decision may prevent the majority of prisoner voting rights determined at long last. At the date of publication, the decision was not received.

May 31 December, the Federal Court of Canada concluded on the test trial in George Harris v Minister of National Revenue, a separate challenge to an attempt to bring small aboriginal children living on a Band Council without capital gains tax. Three tables had the court-ordered a lawsuit by the taxpayer arising in the place of another taxpayer in a judgement. We could begin to appeal that the decision on the ruling, but the trial judge criticized Revenue Canada's handling of the decision and commended the plaintiff for its public service in launching the case. The government was ordered to pay the Centre's costs.

The Centre was active in defending the rights of public utility customers. For over half a decade, the Centre has been working on behalf of Northern Gas Pipeline in defence the issue of unbundled telecommunications services provided by MTS. Three years ago of in December 2001 when the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) ordered MTS to engage in a consultative committee with the MBO. The Centre designed to address the unmet and basic needs of northern telecommunications users. The CRTC decision to require a consultative committee regarding capital construction costs, and the Commission and Centre, could substantially reduce charges on behalf of Manitoba private and consumers. The Centre also participated in Public and public interest proceedings before the Manitoba

Public Utilities Board

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Yours faithfully,
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FAMILY LAW OFFICE

The Family Law Office and the Poverty Law Office were located together at 308 - 294 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg. Gil Clifford was the Supervising Attorney of the Family Law Office and Cathy Sherman the Supervising Attorney of the Poverty Law Office.

Effective December 17, 2001 Gil Clifford was promoted to Director of Operations, Client Services and Deputy Executive Director. With that, the Family Law Office and the Poverty Law Office amalgamated into one office called the Family Law Office with Cathy Sherman as the Supervising Attorney.

Our staff is comprised of 11 lawyers, two paralegals, eight secretaries and one articling student. Nine of the lawyers practice primarily domestic law and two mainly poverty law. Domestic law includes all types of family law cases such as divorces, separations and corollary relief. A number of our family lawyers have started using the collaborative law process to resolve issues through interest-based negotiation rather than litigation.

Poverty law consists of welfare, Canada Pension Plan, Manitoba Public Insurance, Workers Compensation, private disability insurance, debtor/creditor, Residential Tenancies and other civil litigation.

In addition, the Family Law Office takes mental health cases and we had criminal circuits in Steinbach and Lundar.

Domestic law service delivery is mostly by certificate. Poverty law is done to a great extent by certificate equivalents, informal files and drop-ins.

The Family Law Office provides duty counsel service to Osborne House Crisis Shelter, the Family Violence Intervention Program, and psychiatric facilities such as local hospitals and the Selkirk Mental Health Centre.

We also provide public legal education through presentations to a broad range of groups and organizations. As well, we view participation in law reform and social policy and public interest activities as essential components of our service delivery.

In April 2002 our criminal circuits were transferred to the Criminal Law Office. Effective July 2, 2002 we will be hiring two contract staff attorneys and an additional 1/2 support staff position. As well, we will have two articling students in 2002/2003 and a summer student in 2002. These initiatives will enable us to increase our volume of family and poverty law cases.

Cathy D. Sherman
Supervising Attorney

CHILD PROTECTION LAW OFFICE

The Child Protection Law Office is now located at 416-294 Portage Avenue, in Winnipeg. We are servicing Manitobans who require legal representation in the area of child welfare matters.

In the past year, we have handled certificate work in the areas of child welfare and domestic law. We provide duty counsel service two mornings and one afternoon each week at child protection dockets in Winnipeg, two mornings each month at the St. Boniface child protection docket. We provide informal in-office advice to children who may not require formal representation, but are requested to speak to counsel by Judges, Court Masters or child welfare agencies.

We have continued to provide "on call" services on a seven day a week basis. This service is available until 10:00 p.m. Although volume is low, this service does result in new certificates and ready access to our existing clients.

In February of this year we launched a new initiative to provide "full service duty counsel" at all Winnipeg Child Welfare dockets. It is expected that this service will result in reduced delays for legal aid clients in contested matters and overall improved representation. Resulting from this increased service we now manage almost the entirety of the child welfare dockets and the majority of pre-trials in this area.

Resulting from this new project we have added two lawyers, a paralegal and a secretary. An additional feature of the Full Service Project enables us to access a group of three independent social workers who are providing services to our clients on a case by case, as required basis.

We continue to maintain a registry of psychologists and independent social workers who prepare assessments for court purposes. We are also frequently requested to provide suggestions as to rehabilitative resources.

In addition to our daily activities, this office has provided representation at numerous contested trials.

Our goal remains to be of service to our clients and provide quality legal services in a caring and efficient manner.

We have continued to do significant amounts of community outreach with presentations made on a regular basis at a wide range of related agencies and institutions. As well, we continue our regular involvement with both the Law Society Bar Admission Course and the University Law School. We also continue to service the legal community as a resource that many lawyers and agencies turn to for advice in this area of the law.

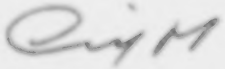
Larry Allen
Supervising Attorney

DROP IN CENTRE

All drop-ins in the City of Winnipeg are seen at the Drop-In Centre located at 416-294 Portage Avenue. The Drop-In Centre is open from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

The workload is evenly shared among the legal aid staff of all the Winnipeg offices. The staff providing the service at our Drop-In Centre consists of lawyers, paralegals, articling students and intake officers. Each day that the Drop-In Centre is open, four staff members are drawn on rotation from these other offices to provide service. Present each of the three afternoons are one lawyer, one paralegal, one articling student and one intake officer. This staff configuration ensures that there is at least one staff person available to cover every possible need or request as clients attend the Drop-In Centre for a variety of reasons (e.g., for advice, for information, to complete legal aid applications, etc.).

Although demand is high and the pace each afternoon is busy, the centralization of Winnipeg drop-ins in one location has improved the quality, efficiency and convenience of this service. Any person who wants informal advice from Legal Aid Manitoba in Winnipeg can get it on the day that they come in looking for it.



Gil Clifford
Director of Operations

CRIMINAL LAW OFFICE

2001 and 2002 have been years of major change for the criminal law component of Legal Aid in Winnipeg.

Beginning in early 2001, plans were made for the amalgamation of all criminal law services in Winnipeg. Previously, the delivery of criminal legal services was divided into the Broadway Community Law Office, consisting of 10 lawyers and the Criminal Law Center consisting of 4 lawyers. The lawyers tended to specialize in certain areas of criminal law.

The purpose of the amalgamation was to increase overall efficiencies, diversify lawyer abilities, enhancement of the articling student experience and centralization of management.

The physical amalgamation occurred in January 2002, with one office located at 514 St. Mary Ave., under the banner of Legal Aid Criminal Law Office. The office has expanded to now include 17 lawyers both on term and permanent positions. The lawyers are supported by 3 articling students, 2 summer students, 3 paralegals and 8 support staff. The office has one Supervising Attorney.

The office serves all courts in Winnipeg, providing service at all levels. Duty Counsel serves the Manitoba Youth Center, Law Courts Building Intake courts, bail courts, drug court and Waive-in court. Most of the lawyers conduct trials and appeals at all levels of the court.

The office also serves as duty counsel to various circuit points, including Steinbach, Lundar, Pine Falls, Portage (Youth), Garden Hill, St. Theresa Point and Fisher Branch. The office also serves inmates at Headingley Correctional Institute and Stony Mountain Correctional Institute, a growing component of our practice.

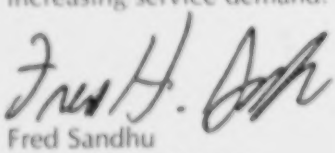
The office also serves individuals in mental health facilities with respect to general advice and appearances before mental health tribunals.

The office provides a 24 hour on-call custody service, with a combination of articling students and contract private bar.

Several initiatives have begun to improve office integration and service delivery, including creation of a Major Case Committee, Precedent Committee and Library/Education Committee.

Past initiatives by individual lawyers acting on their own time has advanced the cause of legal aid in the area of student procurement and education.

The year has already been one of great challenge, inevitable with change. The office has an incredible breadth of experience and ability. We have attracted new lawyers to the office in the past year with abilities and talents the envy of any law office. With this experience, ability, established talent and fresh new talent, the office is certain to fulfill its mandate of delivery of quality legal services in an environment of ever increasing service demand.



Fred Sandhu
Supervising Attorney

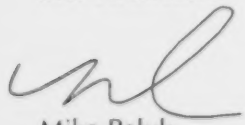
ABORIGINAL CENTRE LAW OFFICE

The Aboriginal Centre Law Office continues its case work involving legal issues that are of particular interest and concern to Aboriginal people. Cases in progress involve issues pertaining to Aboriginal rights, civil rights, band governance, treaty status, and the provision of social services to Aboriginal people. One of our cases will be argued at the Supreme Court in December, 2002 and two others will be argued at the Federal Court of Appeal in October, 2002. The Centre also provides a significant amount of telephone and drop-in advice and is a point of intake for many Aboriginal people who apply for legal aid assistance.

This past year, the Centre filled a paralegal position that had been vacant for more than a year. This enabled us to expanded our work in public legal education and to do more community outreach. In that regard, our staff were involved in formulating changes to social allowances legislation and policy which will be more favorable to all Manitobans who are recipients of social allowances. We participated as well as in the restructuring of the delivery of child and family services in Manitoba. The restructuring will expand the jurisdiction of First Nations Agencies to provide mandated services in urban areas of the province and will see the creation of one or more mandated Metis agencies. Over the past year, we formed working relationships with organizations such as the Manitoba Metis Federation and the North End Housing and Renewal Corporation to provide culturally relevant training to future staff of the new Metis agency and to provide alternative social opportunities for high risk offenders and ex-offenders under bail orders or while on probation or parole.

These initiatives are part of our overall approach to seeking justice for Aboriginal people that includes addressing some of the underlying causes of the over-representation of Aboriginal people in conflict with the law and the resulting social costs, including the cost of legal aid.

Our goals for the next year include seeing some of our more significant cases through to completion and pursuing additional sources of funding and support for community outreach justice initiatives. At the same time, recognizing current fiscal considerations for the Legal Aid Services Society, our commitment to the organization is to take a cautious approach to the selection of new special interest cases over the next year enabling us to handle an increased number of regular domestic and criminal certificates.



Mike Paluk
Supervising Attorney

WESTMAN COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Brandon Office services south western Manitoba with a largely rural population. The region is prosperous. The population base has been more or less stable, but given the booming service economy largely caused by the Maple Leaf Hog Plant, the capacity of this office has been reached and, indeed, exceeded. Services are provided by the supervising attorney, three staff lawyers, a paralegal, two intake workers and three support staff. A substantial and ever increasing portion of the office's efforts are devoted to area director activities, but the majority of the efforts are still directed to providing legal services to Legal Aid clients and client groups.

The office provides Duty Counsel services to the three Brandon Courts, being adult, youth and drug, Russell, Rossburn, Minnedosa, Virden, Neepawa, Waywayseecappo, Boissevain, Killarney and Child Protection Court on a regular basis. Duty Counsel service to the other outlying courts is provided on an as-needed basis.

The office also provides informal advice on a regular basis. Callers wishing a consultation with a lawyer receive telephone advice on the day on which they call. If follow-up work is required, the lawyer will make an appointment for the person very shortly. Callers wishing to apply for legal aid, whether through this office or with a specific choice of counsel, can usually obtain an appointment with one of the Intake Workers within a matter of days for that purpose. All four lawyers accept emergency telephone calls after hours and take whatever action is required in response, such as attending to the police station, RCMP Detachments, Brandon Correctional Institute or Centre for Adult Psychiatry.

Our agreement with the Westman Women's Shelter continues in effect. Residents of that shelter are guaranteed an almost immediate intake interview with either a paralegal or a lawyer, either at the shelter or at this office, at their option. We have found that most residents of the shelter prefer to attend to this office.

On an informal basis, office staff continue their participation in community and board activities.

The Westman Community Law Centre has continued to be productive. The Law Centre is a "Community Law Centre" in that, in conjunction with its role of Area office, it functions to service the needs of those in the community most needing those services. The majority of criminal, youth and family matters are handled by lawyers at the request of our clients. Almost all non-request matters are handled by staff lawyers in the absence of conflicts. The planned addition by Maple Leaf of a second shift will, however, very likely reduce the capacity of this office to function in the way it always has. This change is likely to come about quite soon.

Lorne Giesbrecht
Area Director/Supervisory Attorney

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The work of the Parklands Community Law Centre continues to keep pace with the busy demands of our service area.

This past year has seen two changes, the most significant of which is our move to a new location. Now in the heart of downtown Dauphin, Parklands Legal Aid finally has a "community" law office feel to it. This is something we are happy about. We are closer to the Court House and to the Friendship Centre. Our actual presence in the community has become more visible now that we have a "storefront" location in a building dedicated to our use. Our move was necessitated partly because of growth and partly because of a fire in the restaurant that was down the hall from us in our old location. The move has proven to be a good one. We hope to be in our new location for many years.

Our second addition is a new clinic. It is a success. Situated at Ebb and Flow First Nation, the new clinic is serviced by one of our paralegals who is available to the community on a regularly scheduled basis for drop in services. Response has been excellent .

We are contemplating the establishment of a new clinic on the Dog Creek First Nation within the next year.

One of our paralegals continues to provide clinics to the communities of Roblin, Swan River, Camperville and Gypsumville. Clinic services are available in other communities in our geographic area on an "expressed need" basis.

We continue to provide criminal, youth, child welfare, domestic and administrative legal services.

We provide duty counsel services in youth and adult criminal courts that include Amaranth, Ashern, Dauphin, Roblin, and Swan River. A staff lawyer is present in each of these courts to obtain police particulars and the crown position on the first appearance, and then to discuss the matter with the accused person. As a result, there are fewer remands and matters are dealt with as expeditiously as is appropriate and possible.

We assist people with cases before the Social Services Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Review Board. We also appear before both the Review Tribunal and the Pension Appeals Board on Canada Pension Plan matters.

Duty counsel services are provided in three child protection courts and in two maintenance enforcement courts. In each, a staff lawyer is present to provide initial assistance to the unrepresented.

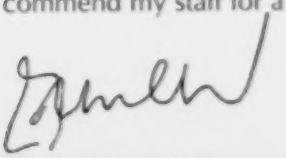
We face the ongoing challenge that fewer private bar lawyers are prepared to take domestic legal aid work. We are in the midst of an initiative promoting collaborative law as a means of resolving family law

issues. The success of this project will alleviate some of the demand in the domestic law field.

The Area Director's office continues to process applications for the region and conflicts for other regions.

Our staff — the Area Director, two staff lawyers, two paralegals, administrative assistant to the Area Director and two support staff —continues to do outreach work and to be involved in justice educational activities in our communities. Concerted efforts are also made to support the organizing efforts of various charity campaigns in our communities. The Area Director is a member of the Board of Directors of TARAS Vision, an agency that ensures counselling services are available to people who cannot afford them. One lawyer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dauphin Library and is on the Executive of Theatre Amisk. The other lawyer is a member of the volunteer fire fighters, a scout leader and a member of the Dauphin United Church Board.

Our staff is dedicated to the provision of high quality legal services to the poor and working poor of the Parkland Region of Manitoba. I commend my staff for a job well done.



Therese Koturbash
Supervising Attorney

NORTHLANDS COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Northlands Community Law Centre in The Pas provides legal aid services to The Pas and surrounding communities. Staff consists of three lawyers, one paralegal, one articling student and two full-time secretaries plus a half-time secretary. Because the Northlands Community Law Centre was not able to find an individual for the articling year 2002-2003, Legal Aid has extended a term contract to its outgoing articling student, who successfully completed his articles. He will therefore act in a capacity as both an "articling student" and lawyer for the duration of the term (until late March 2003).

Staff attend Provincial Court (Criminal and Family) and Youth Court as Duty Counsel on a regular basis at the following locations: Pukatawagan, Flin Flon, Cranberry Portage, Snow Lake, Moose Lake, The Pas, Easterville and Grand Rapids. In addition, staff attend Queen's Bench Criminal and Family court in both The Pas and Flin Flon. Staff also appear in front of tribunals from time to time including the Licence Suspension Appeal Board, Social Assistance Appeal Board, Residential Tenancies Board and the Disciplinary Board at The Pas Correctional Institute.

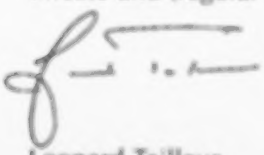
With the addition of our Cree-English bilingual paralegal in 1997, Mandy Chastellaine, she has enhanced the office's availability and effectiveness with respect to our First Nations work.

The office at The Pas is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday and provides advice and assistance on a drop-in basis whenever staff are available.

The domestic lawyer attends at the local crisis shelter on an as-needed basis. In addition, a drop-in clinic is held at The Pas Correctional Institute on a weekly basis by the student to provide services to both sentenced prisoners and remand prisoners. Drop-in and Advice Clinics are held at most circuit locations on a regular basis, normally in conjunction with court. In addition, the paralegal also attends Pukatawagan on a monthly basis.

The office has fully modernized its computer system and is now networked with the main office in Winnipeg. The office is also intra-office networked.

The criminal law lawyers have met their objective of dealing with all non-request legal aid applications and also being choice of counsel on a frequent basis. A strong level of service is offered through both the certificate and (regular and expanded) duty counsel programs.



Leonard Tailleur
Supervising Attorney

THOMPSON COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Thompson Community Law Centre serves the City of Thompson and 14 other communities. We have a Supervising Attorney/Area Director, 3 staff lawyers, 3 paralegals and 3 support staff. We offer service in English, Cree and French. We continue to offer weekly drop-ins in the communities of Norway House, Cross Lake and Nelson House. Drop-ins are held in other communities as the demand requires.

This year saw no staff changes to our office.

The "First Nations Justice Strategy" continues to evolve and continues to present us with new opportunities and challenges

Area Director functions cover Thompson, The Pas, Flin Flon and 19 other northern communities.

Theresa McDonald

Theresa McDonald
Supervising Attorney/Area Director

Legal Aid Activity by Area

For the Year Ended March 31, 2002
(with the 2001 Comparisons in Parentheses)

Area	Applications for Legal Aid Certificates	Applications Refused	Certificates Issued: Civil	Certificates Issued: Criminal	Certificates Issued: Youth	Certificates Cancelled	Persons Assisted by Duty Counsel
Brandon	1,650	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	(1,385)	(108)	(719)	(462)	(82)	(232)	(1,155)
Dauphin	1,175	140	527	389	68	157	516
	(1,228)	(150)	(580)	(453)	(80)	(166)	(627)
The Pas & Thompson	2,175	163	823	1,059	206	193	5,637
	(2,231)	(203)	(762)	(1,103)	(188)	(188)	(6,871)
Winnipeg	16,709	2,379	6,367	5,716	1,085	2,796	25,013
	(16,981)	(2,068)	(6,599)	(5,255)	(1,128)	(3,152)	(23,468)
Provincial Total	21,709	2,952	8,276	7,667	1,477	3,768	36,319
	(21,725)	(2,729)	(8,599)	(7,273)	(1,498)	(3,738)	(33,774)

NOTES:

1. *In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 there was a total of 17,218 (17,627) certificates issued of this total 3,767 (4,153) were issued to staff lawyers through the following community law centres:*

Winnipeg	*– Family Law/Poverty Law*	*1,375*	*(1,639)*
	– Criminal Trial	*485*	*(599)*
	– Youth	*59*	*(83)*
	– Child Protection	*553*	*(379)*
	– Broadway Mall	*47*	*(59)*
	– Aboriginal	*12*	*(28)*
Swan River		*180*	*(149)*
Parklands		*186*	*(179)*
Northlands		*259*	*(298)*
Thompson		*591*	*(695)*
		3,767	*(4,153)*

2. *In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 there was a total of 36,233 (33,774) people assisted by Duty Counselling Services of this total 12,249 (11,621) were assisted by staff lawyers through the following community law centres:*

Winnipeg	*– Family Law/Poverty Law*	*1,317*	*(1,218)*
	– Criminal Trial	*1,632*	*(1,331)*
	– Youth	*1,998*	*(1,749)*
	– Child Protection	*823*	*(811)*
	– Broadway Mall	*16,189*	*(15,659)*
	– Aboriginal	*2*	*(3)*
Swan River		*1,152*	*(1,218)*
Parklands		*658*	*(614)*
Northlands		*1,193*	*(1,299)*
Thompson		*1,317*	*(1,309)*
		12,749	*(11,621)*

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1 For the year ended March 31, 2002, 2,952,110 [illegible] applications for Legal Aid were initiated, a [illegible] in the previous year.

2 For the year ended March 31, 2002 there was a total of 17,210,162 telephone and [illegible] and 8,804 [illegible] were opened for a total of 22,158 [illegible] people assisted. The following represents the breakdown by community law centre:

Winnipeg	– Administration	1,612	1,609
	– Family Law/Poverty Law	2,178	2,233
	– Criminal Trial	598	578
	– Youth	1,218	1,289
	– Child Protection	679	786
	– Prosecution Appeal	1,098	2,111
	– Aboriginal	1,123	899
	– University	898	863
Dauphin		2,362	1,127
Portage		1,689	1,923
Pembroke		1,233	1,233
Thompson		2,872	2,278
		21,108	17,796

3 For the year ended March 31, 2002 there was a total of 78,000 [illegible] people assisted either on a formal or informal basis.

Crime Head & Classification	Persons Tried	Cases Withdrawn	Result
CRIMINAL ASSAULT			
Murder	36 (30)	2 (2)	13 (13)
Attempt to Murder	23 (16)	2 (1)	27 (19)
Manslaughter	8 (8)	0 (1)	8 (10)
Sexual Assault - A	31 (8)	2 (1)	13 (13)
Sexual Assault - Indecent	158 (107)	10 (6)	147 (127)
Assault - B	153 (141)	12 (12)	178 (137)
Robbery	136 (111)	28 (27)	148 (170)
Cruel Harm/Death	51 (51)	7 (11)	46 (51)
Other Sexual Offences - B	95 (70)	10 (10)	74 (84)
Arson	58 (47)	9 (10)	48 (47)
Narcotics - B	224 (162)	15 (10)	184 (111)
Incest	0 (10)	20 (10)	0 (10)
Sexual Assault - Summary	58 (56)	11 (10)	58 (72)
Miscellaneous - B	29 (18)	0 (2)	24 (20)
Other Sexual Offences - C	15 (15)	2 (11)	15 (27)
Bloody Fatal	420 (221)	30 (28)	418 (241)
Firearm / Weapon / Explosive in Public Place	148 (148)	16 (11)	168 (179)
Theft - Indictable	98 (91)	10 (11)	102 (106)
Firearm Found Otherwise by Crime - Indictable	97 (89)	9 (10)	71 (91)
Forgery/Uttering	78 (91)	12 (11)	98 (102)
Fraud - Indictable	18 (21)	7 (11)	18 (18)
Cyber Pedophile - Indictable	1 (01)	10 (01)	1 (01)

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Condensed Classifications	Private Plan	Age Contract	Total
Dividends	1,176	(8)	1,168
	(1,824)	(13)	(1,837)
(Loss) Receipt	(8)	1	(7)
	(59)	(522)	(581)
Other Obligation Difference - D	(2)	(1)	(3)
	(52)	(11)	(63)
Net Fee on Settlement	1	(5)	(4)
	(12)	(52)	(64)
Commissions Inc Net Proceed	(9)	(1)	(9)
	(11)	(1)	(12)
Other Receivable - D	(2)	(2)	(3)
	(102)	(12)	(117)
(Loss) - Publish	(12)	(3)	(15)
	(111)	(93)	(204)
Ordering Private	(18)	(5)	(23)
	(187)	(57)	(243)
Obligation	(1)	(1)	(2)
	(56)	(11)	(71)
Record Publication	(10)	(2)	(12)
	(141)	(18)	(159)
Equity - Summary	(1)	(2)	(3)
	(12)	(11)	(23)
Gain Retained - Summary	(1)	(1)	(2)
	(11)	(1)	(12)
Finance Growth Obligated Inc Gross - Summary	(1)	(1)	(2)
	(12)	(2)	(14)
Total - Summary	(18)	(3)	(20)
	(187)	(18)	(205)
Other Benefit paid (Tax)	(11)	(1)	(12)
	(87)	(11)	(114)
Benefit - D	(1,511)	(22)	(1,533)
	(1,187)	(100)	(1,277)
(Loss) - Planned	(1)	(1)	(1)
	(11)	(1)	(11)
Other Retired Difference	(10)	(1)	(10)
	(83)	(11)	(114)
Other Pension Difference	(1)	(1)	(2)
	(11)	(1)	(11)
Benefit Plan Loss	(9)	(1)	(9)
	(81)	(1)	(91)
Appeals - Client	(1)	(1)	(1)
	(11)	(11)	(11)
Appeals - Client	(1)	(1)	(1)
	(11)	(1)	(12)
Bond Granted	(1)	(1)	(1)
	(1)	(11)	(1)
	(11)	(11)	(11)
	(1,111)	(11)	(1,121)
	(1,111)	(111)	(1,111)

Analysis of Certificates Issued
For the Year Ended March 31, 2002
(with the 2001 Comparisons in Parentheses)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CRIMINAL CODE			
Murder	2 (9)	Nil (Nil)	2 (9)
Attempt Murder	6 (6)	Nil (1)	6 (7)
Manslaughter	2 (Nil)	Nil (1)	2 (1)
Sexual Assault - A	Nil (3)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (3)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	14 (17)	7 (4)	21 (21)
Assault - B	26 (24)	1 (10)	27 (34)
Robbery	146 (133)	2 (4)	148 (137)
Cause Harm/Death	1 (2)	1 (Nil)	2 (2)
Other Sexual Offences - B	10 (8)	Nil (1)	10 (9)
Arson	23 (32)	9 (4)	32 (36)
Narcotics - B	33 (20)	1 (2)	34 (22)
Incest	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Summary	8 (12)	5 (2)	13 (14)
Miscellaneous - B	1 (1)	1 (Nil)	2 (1)
Other Sexual Offences - C	Nil (5)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (5)
Break, Enter	308 (267)	19 (43)	327 (304)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	39 (42)	4 (6)	43 (48)
Theft - Indictable	78 (73)	3 (4)	81 (77)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	33 (25)	1 (1)	34 (26)
Forgery/Uttering	7 (3)	3 (1)	10 (4)
Fraud - Indictable	4 (3)	Nil (Nil)	4 (3)
Mischief	49 (57)	10 (9)	59 (66)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
U.A.L./Escape	21 (33)	Nil (1)	21 (34)
Other Weapons Offences - C	15 (10)	Nil (1)	15 (11)
Communication for the Purpose	2 (5)	Nil (Nil)	2 (5)
Other Narcotics - C	22 (13)	1 (Nil)	23 (13)
M.V.O. - Federal	17 (9)	3 (4)	20 (13)
Uttering Threats	31 (46)	2 (4)	33 (50)
Obstruction	5 (2)	1 (1)	6 (3)
Breach Probation	18 (13)	1 (2)	19 (15)
Fraud - Summary	8 (10)	1 (2)	9 (12)
False Pretences - Summary	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	30 (24)	3 (1)	33 (25)
Theft - Summary	57 (76)	2 (10)	59 (86)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	17 (15)	1 (2)	18 (17)
Assault - C	170 (160)	35 (47)	205 (207)
M.V.O. - Provincial	Nil (Nil)	Nil (1)	Nil (1)
Other Federal Offences	12 (11)	1 (1)	13 (12)
Other Provincial Offences	2 (2)	Nil (1)	2 (3)
Parole/Prison Law	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Youth Transfers	1 (1)	Nil (Nil)	1 (1)
Youth Reviews/Breaches	120 (123)	6 (11)	126 (134)
Appeals - Youth	9 (6)	5 (11)	14 (17)
Junior Counsel	1 (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	1 (Nil)
	1,348 (1,295)	129 (191)	1,477 (1,488)

Analysis of Certificates Issued
For the Year Ended March 31, 2002
(with the 2001 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CIVIL			
Divorce	929 (1,010)	403 (434)	1,332 (1,444)
Separation	1,545 (1,555)	604 (552)	2,149 (2,107)
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	741 (758)	238 (224)	979 (982)
C.F.S.	576 (564)	335 (324)	911 (888)
Adoption	41 (34)	34 (33)	75 (67)
Parentage Proceeding	735 (712)	439 (384)	1,174 (1,096)
Immigration	126 (75)	Nil (8)	126 (83)
Welfare Matters	14 (41)	60 (79)	74 (120)
Other Administrative	25 (21)	52 (56)	77 (77)
Landlord/Tenant	12 (6)	8 (3)	20 (9)
Appeals - Civil	24 (33)	9 (11)	33 (44)
Legal Opinions - Civil	13 (21)	9 (18)	22 (39)
Other - Civil	26 (42)	44 (27)	70 (69)
Youth Court Appointed/Amicus	47 (72)	27 (45)	74 (117)
Workers Compensation	19 (9)	6 (6)	25 (15)
Mental Health Matters	15 (21)	14 (18)	29 (39)
Estate Matters	4 (4)	3 (Nil)	7 (4)
Defendant - Civil Suit	13 (21)	16 (7)	29 (28)
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	1 (9)	1 (4)	3 (13)
Immigration - Adjudicator's Appointment	Nil (Nil)	1 (Nil)	1 (Nil)
Private Guardianship	273 (287)	162 (170)	435 (457)
Enforcement Only	16 (11)	6 (12)	22 (23)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
Variation: Access/Custody	339 (344)	75 (87)	414 (431)
Group Application	Nil (1)	Nil (2)	Nil (3)
Disbursements Only	6 (10)	Nil (Nil)	6 (10)
Other Family	168 (239)	120 (195)	288 (434)
	5,708 (5,900)	2,666 (2,699)	8,374 (8,599)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2002
(with the 2001 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL ADULT			
Murder	31	$ 410,743	$ 13,249.77
	(32)	(352,091)	(11,002.86)
Attempt Murder	23	99,219	4,313.87
	(23)	(55,904)	(2,430.62)
Manslaughter	5	83,312	16,662.49
	(5)	(22,996)	(4,599.10)
Sexual Assault - A	6	10,887	1,814.50
	(8)	(13,532)	(1,691.49)
Import Narcotics	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(Nil)	(Nil)	(Nil)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	161	233,047	1,447.50
	(133)	(181,084)	(1,361.53)
Assault - B	135	168,673	1,249.43
	(126)	(121,639)	(965.39)
Robbery	314	418,670	1,333.34
	(350)	(368,406)	(1,052.59)
Cause Harm/Death	42	53,115	1,264.65
	(31)	(35,029)	(1,129.98)
Other Sexual Offences - B	56	62,734	1,120.26
	(58)	(77,856)	(1,342.34)
Arson	37	35,883	969.80
	(38)	(28,333)	(745.62)
Narcotics - B	206	203,036	985.61
	(222)	(183,713)	(827.54)
Incest	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(Nil)	(478)	(Nil)
Sexual Assault - Summary	42	39,673	944.59
	(61)	(35,034)	(574.33)
Miscellaneous - B	16	72,672	4,541.97
	(26)	(24,755)	(952.11)
Other Sexual Offences - C	10	44,134	4,413.40
	(17)	(15,067)	(886.32)
Break, Enter	561	320,645	571.56
	(635)	(281,253)	(442.92)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	151	77,353	512.27
	(148)	(74,787)	(505.32)
Theft - Indictable	88	48,488	551.00
	(83)	(35,321)	(425.55)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	52	23,562	453.12
	(62)	(27,087)	(436.89)
Forgery/Uttering	73	32,080	439.46
	(51)	(21,761)	(426.69)
Fraud - Indictable	23	24,292	1,056.18
	(33)	(40,182)	(1,217.63)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
False Pretences - Indictable	2	$ 438	$219.03
	(Nil)	(58)	(Nil)
Mischief	167	69,048	413.46
	(142)	(52,424)	(369.18)
U.A.L./Escape	43	17,320	402.78
	(37)	(11,174)	(302.00)
Other Weapons Offences - C	48	34,030	708.96
	(46)	(43,037)	(935.59)
Set Fire to Substance	1	874	873.76
	(Nil)	(Nil)	(Nil)
Communication for the Purpose	44	16,953	385.30
	(31)	(8,625)	(278.22)
Other Narcotics - C	84	63,331	753.95
	(100)	(45,922)	(459.22)
M.V.O. - Federal	191	81,263	425.46
	(219)	(89,124)	(406.96)
Uttering Threats	337	163,105	483.99
	(346)	(137,438)	(397.22)
Obstruction	43	20,024	465.68
	(29)	(15,546)	(536.06)
Breach Probation	495	174,780	353.09
	(341)	(94,442)	(276.96)
Fraud - Summary	64	34,358	536.84
	(54)	(21,939)	(406.28)
False Pretences - Summary	13	9,175	705.80
	(14)	(5,778)	(412.74)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	69	28,333	410.62
	(70)	(44,315)	(633.07)
Theft - Summary	299	105,310	352.21
	(292)	(88,646)	(303.58)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	333	123,507	370.89
	(236)	(72,489)	(307.16)
Assault - C	1,412	597,499	423.16
	(1,356)	(484,038)	(356.96)
M.V.O. - Provincial	13	3,411	262.41
	(8)	(2,831)	(353.90)
Other Federal Offences	103	107,641	1,045.06
	(93)	(71,118)	(764.71)
Other Provincial Offences	4	5,508	1,376.96
	(8)	(2,298)	(287.31)
Parole/Prison Law	34	122,207	3,594.31
	(37)	(19,081)	(515.71)
Appeals - Client	47	181,697	3,865.89
	(65)	(103,578)	(1,593.51)
Appeals - Crown	12	14,377	1,198.04
	(15)	(31,147)	(2,076.50)
Junior Counsel	3	10,317	3,439.04
	(3)	(6,661)	(2,220.35)
	5,893	$ 4,446,725	$ 754.58
	(5,684)	(3,448,019)	(606.62)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2002
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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL YOUTH			
Murder	7	$ 75,939	$ 10,848.37
	(4)	(19,709)	(4,927.15)
Attempt Murder	5	6,557	1,311.34
	(4)	(5,407)	(1,351.64)
Manslaughter	Nil	3,623	Nil
	(Nil)	(194)	(Nil)
Sexual Assault - Weapon	Nil	149	Nil
	(4)	(3,306)	(826.43)
Import Narcotics	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(Nil)	(Nil)	(Nil)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	14	14,583	1,041.63
	(15)	(17,476)	(1,165.04)
Assault - B	25	40,869	1,634.76
	(20)	(15,812)	(790.61)
Robbery	119	113,785	956.18
	(135)	(90,808)	(672.65)
Cause Harm/Death	2	1,659	829.70
	(Nil)	(454)	(Nil)
Other Sexual Offences - B	9	6,043	671.43
	(10)	(8,717)	(871.75)
Arson	30	33,566	1,118.86
	(47)	(42,828)	(911.23)
Narcotics - B	21	16,229	772.82
	(13)	(8,942)	(687.82)
Incest	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(Nil)	(Nil)	(Nil)
Sexual Assault - Summary	6	2,422	403.72
	(5)	(2,642)	(528.34)
Miscellaneous - B	Nil	38	Nil
	(2)	(879)	(439.64)
Other Sexual Offences - C	1	451	450.70
	(5)	(5,088)	(1,017.59)
Break, Enter	242	100,285	414.40
	(276)	(106,462)	(385.73)
Possess Weapons Dangerous to Public Peace	31	13,839	446.42
	(38)	(12,548)	(330.21)
Theft - Indictable	61	24,822	406.92
	(68)	(20,607)	(303.04)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	24	11,512	479.66
	(25)	(8,640)	(345.59)
Forgery/Uttering	6	1,444	240.61
	(2)	(719)	(359.26)
Fraud - Indictable	6	2,579	429.88
	(Nil)	(Nil)	(Nil)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
Mischief	40 (43)	$ 13,687 (11,273)	$ 342.17 (262.17)
U.A.L./Escape	23 (26)	7,627 (5,816)	331.62 (223.69)
Other Weapons Offences	12 (10)	4,952 (3,019)	412.65 (301.92)
Communication for the Purpose	2 (4)	501 (1,407)	250.28 (351.66)
Other Narcotics - C	10 (13)	3,836 (6,178)	383.57 (475.25)
M.V.O. - Federal	7 (10)	2,898 (3,858)	414.01 (385.80)
Uttering Threats	24 (34)	7,846 (9,030)	326.93 (265.59)
Obstruction	4 (1)	1,316 (226)	328.90 (225.70)
Breach Probation	16 (17)	5,725 (4,122)	357.81 (242.50)
Fraud - Summary	9 (8)	2,348 (2,254)	260.87 (281.81)
False Pretences - Summary	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Possess Goods Obtained by by Crime - Summary	24 (25)	7,442 (6,322)	310.09 (252.89)
Theft - Summary	56 (82)	16,430 (20,668)	293.40 (252.05)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	15 (14)	4,972 (3,131)	331.49 (223.67)
Assault - C	145 (129)	52,830 (41,437)	364.34 (321.22)
M.V.O. - Provincial	Nil (Nil)	Nil (13)	Nil (Nil)
Other Federal Offences	13 (7)	3,853 (1,728)	296.39 (246.85)
Other Provincial Offences	1 (2)	165 (1,350)	165.49 (675.20)
Parole/Prison Law	Nil (1)	40 (332)	Nil (332.00)
Youth Transfers	1 (2)	393 (383)	393.00 (191.52)
Youth Reviews/Breaches	80 (122)	22,281 (32,229)	278.51 (264.18)
Appeals - Youth	6 (6)	5,529 (5,578)	921.45 (929.59)
	1,097 (1,229)	$ 635,063 (531,592)	$ 578.91 (432.54)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2002
(with the 2001 Comparisons in Parentheses)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CIVIL			
Divorce	847 (898)	$ 482,546 (560,527)	$ 569.71 (624.19)
Separation	1,145 (1,262)	572,990 (667,713)	500.43 (529.09)
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	593 (609)	334,004 (338,953)	563.24 (556.57)
C.F.S.	479 (551)	381,019 (398,808)	795.45 (723.79)
Adoption	36 (25)	17,367 (14,422)	482.42 (576.88)
Parentage Proceeding	580 (662)	316,906 (379,043)	546.39 (573.78)
Immigration	64 (115)	39,864 (65,298)	622.87 (567.81)
Welfare Matters	18 (33)	2,616 (3,318)	145.32 (100.56)
Other Administrative	28 (19)	9,216 (10,296)	329.14 (541.89)
Landlord/Tenant	8 (8)	2,073 (3,166)	259.09 (395.69)
Appeals - Civil	24 (16)	17,774 (15,121)	740.58 (945.08)
Legal Opinions - Civil	12 (18)	4,804 (4,491)	400.33 (249.53)
Other - Civil	31 (34)	12,958 (18,253)	417.98 (536.84)
Youth Court Appointed Amicus	55 (82)	32,268 (55,645)	586.70 (678.60)
Workers Compensation	5 (4)	3,459 (3,710)	691.99 (927.56)
Mental Health Matters	19 (13)	6,596 (4,279)	347.14 (329.14)
Estate Matters	2 (5)	1,628 (3,014)	814.22 (602.80)
Defendant - Civil Suit	21 (23)	20,425 (19,293)	972.63 (838.84)
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	6 (11)	9,218 (23,634)	1,536.30 (2,148.58)
Immigration - Adjudicator's Appointment	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Private Guardianship	228 (247)	120,603 (124,374)	528.96 (503.54)
Enforcement Only	13 (5)	4,089 (1,232)	314.57 (246.43)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
Variation: Access/Custody	304 (320)	$ 190,936 (208,871)	$ 631.37 (652.72)
Group Application	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Disbursements Only	6 (2)	26,875 (2,985)	4,479.09 (1,492.55)
Other Family	170 (180)	83,031 (80,570)	488.36 (447.61)
	6,702 (5,142)	$ 2,698,260 ($ 1,037,458)	$ 573.00 ($ 288.95)

Note: As at March 31, 2002 there were approximately 12,340 cases yet to be completed and paid compared to 12,314 in the previous year

Legal Aid Fees and Disbursements by Area
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2002
with the 2001 Comparisons in Parentheses

	Total Fees and Disbursements	Completed Cases	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL (ADULT)			
Brandon	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
Dauphin	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
The Pas & Thompson	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
Winnipeg	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
CRIMINAL (YOUTH)			
Brandon	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
Dauphin	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
The Pas & Thompson	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
Winnipeg	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
CIVIL			
Brandon	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
Dauphin	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
The Pas & Thompson	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
	(**) (**)	(**)	(**) (**)
Winnipeg	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)
	$ (***) (***)	(***)	$ (***) (**)
	(***) (***)	(***)	(***) (**)

NOTE: Reconciliation to private bar fees and disbursements disclosed on the financial statements:

Fees and disbursements per private bar system as above	$ (***) (***)
Add: Accruals	(**) (**)
Less: Repayment of Holdback	(**)
Fees and disbursements on an accrual basis as per the financial statements	$ (***) (***)

Gun Control Fees and Enforcement
Private Bar Firms
For the Year Ended March 31, 2021
(with the 2021 Comparisons to Appendix)

	Total Fees and Disbursements	Persons Assisted	Average Cost Per Case
Brandon	$ 1,712 ($ 1,608)	23 (21)	$ 74.52 ($ 76.57)
Dauphin	$ 1,823 ($ 1,691)	25 (23)	$ 68.31 ($ 73.52)
The Fox & Thompson	$ 27,279 ($ 41,138)	908 ($ 1,062)	$ 30.04 ($ 38.73)
Winnipeg	$ 72,784 ($ 64,124)	760 (687)	$ 95.77 ($ 93.34)
	$ 103,598 ($ 108,561)	1,716 ($ 1,793)	$ 60.37 ($ 60.55)

NOTE: The income and expenses above total only counsel disbursements of $113,864. Total figures include disbursements of $11,000 for Age and Opportunity, $10,000 for Victim Data counsel, $23,000 for communication and travel costs recorded in the fiscal year.

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The accompanying financial statements of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 2 to the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2003.

Management is responsible for the integrity of the financial statements. Management has established systems of internal control to provide reasonable assurance that assets are properly accounted for and adequately safeguarded from loss.

The Responsibility of the Auditor General is to express an independent professional opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the accounting policies stated in the financial statements. The Auditor's Report outlines the scope of the audit examination and provides the audit opinion.

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The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

August 5, 2003

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THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Balance Sheet
as at March 31

	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank	$ 181,721	$ 434,308
Client accounts receivable, net (Note 3)	1,264,433	986,487
Receivable from the Province of Manitoba	83,333	77,000
Receivable from the Gov't of Canada	68,943	-
Receivable from the Manitoba Law Foundation	48,750	-
Other receivables, net (Note 4)	85,884	83,405
Prepaid expense	467,947	276,951
	1,945,100	1,858,241
Capital Assets, Net (Note 5)	65,910	11,768
Long term receivable - severance - Province of Manitoba (Note 6)	716,168	716,168
Long term receivable - pension - Province of Manitoba (Note 13)	8,121,322	7,204,765
	$ 10,848,500	$ 9,790,942
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 1,084,413	$ 821,979
Accrued vacation pay	708,117	649,912
Deferred revenue from clients	375,779	352,215
Deferred contribution from Province of Manitoba (Note 7)	82,000	82,000
	2,248,309	1,954,006
Severance liability (Note 6)	1,201,117	885,933
Provision for employee pension benefits (note 13)	8,121,322	7,204,765
Net Assets	[illegible]	[illegible]
	$ 10,848,500	$ 9,790,942

Approved by the Board

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THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure
for the year ended March 31

	2002	2001
Revenue		
Province of Manitoba (Note 6)	$ 15,445,958	$ 14,858,891
Manitoba Law Foundation (Note 6)	2,089,808	1,923,835
Contributions from clients	938,693	989,074
Recoveries from third parties	651,830	680,236
Government of Canada	85,732	3,718
Judgment costs and settlements	117,987	162,854
Interest income	16,008	40,591
Other	3,178	2,982
	$ 19,349,194	$ 18,258,881
Expenditure		
Private bar fees and disbursements, net (Note 12)		
Legal aid certificates	$ 8,078,614	$ 7,160,533
Duty counsel services	133,964	208,911
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	82,506	84,384
	8,295,084	7,453,828
Community Law Centres, Schedule 1	6,982,178	6,654,126
Public Interest Law Centre, Schedule 1	523,732	486,829
University Law Centre, Schedule 1	69,951	73,604
General and administrative, Schedule 1	3,663,393	3,414,455
	$ 19,534,338	$ 18,082,841
Deficiency of revenue over expenditure	$ (185,144)	$ (23,960)

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Cash Flow
for the year ended March 31

	2002	2001
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities:		
Deficiency of revenue over expenditure for the year	$ (186,244)	$ (23,160)
Add items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	8,216	1,163
Bad Debt Expense	152,913	318,936
Changes in working capital:		
Client accounts receivable	(230,259)	(344,614)
Province of Manitoba receivable	(3,000)	29,000
Gov't of Canada receivable	(66,965)	-
Manitoba Law Foundation receivable	(48,750)	-
Other receivables	(6,479)	20,119
Prepaid expense	(184,996)	(213,796)
Accounts payable and accrued vacation pay	270,739	185,156
Deferred revenue	23,555	4,206
Deferred contribution from Province of Manitoba	-	(140,770)
	(273,270)	(163,760)
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Financing Activities:		
Increase in long-term funding commitments	(866,737)	(822,154)
Increase in severance liability	105,614	52,276
Increase in provision for employee pension benefits	866,737	822,154
	105,614	52,276
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Investing Activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(85,021)	(12,868)
	(85,021)	(12,868)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash for the Year	(252,677)	(124,352)
Cash - Beginning of Year	434,398	558,750
Cash - End of Year	181,721	434,398

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Schedule of Expenditures
For the Year Ended March 31

	COMMUNITY LAW CENTRES		PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTRE		UNIVERSITY LAW CENTRE		GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE		TOTAL	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
Amortization	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10,222	$ 17,774	$ 10,222	$ 17,774
Bad debts	3,132	561	1,068	115	-	-	4,200	527	8,210	1,153
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	152,813	310,838	152,813	310,838
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,148	1,680	2,148	1,680
Board expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,200	29,403	27,200	29,403
Collection costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,894	16,016	15,894	16,016
Computer costs	12,451	8,291	630	140	-	-	44,137	24,943	56,253	34,083
Duty counsel	109,025	85,571	-	-	183	-	1,850	2,684	111,358	88,255
Equipment maintenance	69,857	73,231	3,781	8,557	-	-	29,714	29,550	102,452	111,338
Expert witnesses & consultants	-	-	-	41,822	-	-	-	-	-	41,822
File disbursements	217,882	230,455	125,044	31,522	517	494	15,978	7,301	359,421	269,320
Library	48,852	44,852	6,521	6,405	315	332	29,441	20,414	85,089	74,107
Meetings	5,239	11,726	71	-	-	91	19,471	14,508	24,779	26,326
Office expenses	145,452	150,408	17,317	13,624	2,450	2,450	125,533	131,251	287,751	297,983
Office relocation	22,770	15,740	-	-	-	-	-	720	22,770	16,460
Pension costs (note 12)	-	-	-	-	-	-	656,587	663,842	656,587	663,842
Premises costs	372,419	360,629	16,731	17,614	4	7	119,144	112,845	510,798	521,495
Professional fees	88,685	123,642	7,676	8,005	2,725	3,250	130,894	97,221	211,181	235,662
Salaries, benefits and duty	5,523,480	5,130,838	326,674	318,832	80,531	78,378	1,749,833	1,584,633	7,680,518	7,074,682
Severance liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,614	82,575	105,614	82,575
Staff development	55,468	36,626	3,231	4,594	-	-	57,355	8,166	57,094	44,420
Staff recruitment	12,500	4,651	-	150	-	-	2,550	0	15,050	4,701
Telephone	134,505	137,941	5,308	5,651	1,587	1,958	68,724	73,789	201,305	197,349
Translators and Other Consultant Services	70,433	78,653	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,433	78,653
Travel	130,555	147,223	5,041	6,290	1,580	2,334	11,515	14,012	148,191	170,048
TOTAL	$ 6,822,705	$ 6,642,792	$ 525,296	$ 498,491	$ 89,911	$ 89,264	$ 3,548,627	$ 3,449,450	$ 11,186,539	$ 10,679,997

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended March 31

	2002			2001
	Invested in Capital Assets	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total	Total
Balance, Beginning of Year as previously stated	-	(275,102)	(275,102)	(240,237)
Restatement of Prior Year (Note 15)	11,705	-	11,705	-
Balance, Beginning of Year as Restated	11,705	(275,102)	(263,397)	(240,237)
Deficiency of Revenue over Expenditures	(8,216)	(178,028)	(186,244)	(23,160)
Capital Asset Additions	85,021	(85,021)	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	88,510	(538,151)	(449,641)	(263,397)

Notes to Financial Statements
for the year ended March 31, 2002

1. Nature of the Society

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba (the Society) was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

The objects of the Society, as set out in the Act, are:

- to provide legal advice and services to individuals, groups and organizations who, left to their own means, could not afford to retain the service of a lawyer.
- to furnish legal aid advice to groups and organizations involving matters of an interest common to members of the group and relating to issues of public interest such as, but not restricted to, consumer and environmental issues.

The Society is economically dependent upon the Province of Manitoba. Other revenue sources include the Manitoba Law Foundation, individual clients, and third party agencies.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Basis

The financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting except for private bar fees and disbursements which are recognized as expenditures based on lawyers' billings dates rather than the dates of providing required services.

b) Recognition of Contributions from Clients

Clients may be required to pay a portion or all of the legal costs incurred on their behalf by the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba based on the clients' ability to pay.

i) Agreements to Pay

Clients who are able to pay, sign an agreement to pay for their portion of the applicable legal costs. The amount the client is required to pay is specified on the legal aid certificate. The revenue and receivable are recognized when the certificate is signed.

ii) Expanded Eligibility

Under terms of expanded eligibility, clients are required to pay all of the legal costs and an administration fee of 25%. The revenue and receivable are recognized based on the date of the lawyer's billing.

iii) Charges on Land

Charges on Land are registered under Section 17 of the Legal Aid Services Society Act in Land Titles on property owned by clients. The revenue and receivable are recognized at the later of the date the lien is filed or the date of the lawyer's billing. Collection of these accounts in the future is dependent on the client disposing of the property or arranging for payment.

c) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded against receivables based on a specific review of accounts, except for the allowance against charges on land, which is recorded at 50% of the outstanding balance.

d) Capital Assets

Capital Assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is proved on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

- Furniture and office equipment - 10 years
- Computer Hardware and Software - 4 years
- Leasehold Improvements - over the term of the lease

e) Contributed Services

Under an arrangement between the Society and the Department of Justice, the Department provides transcripts and other services to the Society at no cost. The value of these contributed services is recorded as revenue and as an expenditure.

f) Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

g) Pension Plan

Employees of the Society are pensionable under the Civil Service Superannuation Act. The Society accrues a provision for the liability for the employer's share of employee pension benefits, including future cost of living adjustments, based on an actuarial valuation.

h) Financial Instruments

Legal Aid Services Society's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

3. Client Accounts Receivable, net

	2002	2001
Agreements to Pay	$ 66,266	$ 55,734
Expanded Eligibility	412,364	375,421
Charges on Land	1,693,688	1,627,663
	2,172,318	2,058,818
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	1,108,485	1,072,331
Clients Accounts Receivable, net	$ 1,063,833	$ 986,487

4. Other Receivables, net

	2002	2001
Court Costs	$ 172,681	$ 147,049
Child & Family Services	5,705	3,970
Social Services	68,465	68,785
Employee Advances and GST Recoverable	11,051	4,227
	257,902	224,031
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	168,018	140,626
Other Receivables, net	$ 89,884	$ 83,405

5. Capital Assets

	2002		2001	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Furniture and office equipment	$ 32,212	$ 1,841	$ 2,301	$ 115
Computer Hardware & Software	23,493	3,942	4,023	503
Leasehold Improvements	42,185	3,597	6,544	545
	$ 97,890	$ 9,380	$ 12,868	$ 1,163
Net Book Value		$ 88,510		$ 11,705

6. Severance pay benefits

Effective April 1, 1998, Legal Aid is recording accumulated severance pay benefits for their employees. Severance pay is determined by multiplying years of service, to a maximum of fifteen years, by the weekly salary at date of retirement, provided the employee reaches nine years of

service and retires from Legal Aid. The estimate is based upon the method of calculation set by the Province of Manitoba.

The Province accepted responsibility for the severance benefits accumulated by Legal Aid employees to March 31, 1998. Accordingly, the opening severance pay liability balance as at April 1, 1998 of $716,166 was completely offset by a receivable from the Province. There are no terms of repayment for the receivable, and the amount will remain fixed at $716,166.

7. Special Trial

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, Legal Aid retained counsel for a number of accused under a special order from the Province of Manitoba. These retainers are not governed by Legal Aid tariff or regulations but are a special agreement between the Private Bar and Legal Aid. All funding received from the Province of Manitoba for this trial is restricted solely for expenditures incurred in the process of defending those accused. Any funding not committed at the end of the special trial must be returned to the Province of Manitoba.

	2002	2001
Revenue from the Province of Manitoba	$ -	$ 1,342,715
Expenditures, Private Bar and Staff	-	1,342,715
Excess of revenue over (under) expenditure	$ -	$ -

At March 31, 2002, Legal Aid was holding $30,000 in deferred contributions from the Province of Manitoba pertaining to this special trial. The main trial was completed within the prior fiscal year, however final assessment of billings related to appeal proceedings are still outstanding.

8. Revenue from the Province of Manitoba

	2002	2001
Grant	$ 8,023,200	$ 7,691,605
Salaries and other payments	6,662,042	6,243,761
Health and post secondary education tax levy	144,579	132,369
Employer portion of employee benefits	463,378	426,129
Contributed Services	152,759	163,027
	$ 15,445,958	$ 14,656,891

Funding from the Province of Manitoba includes the Society's share of provisions recorded for unfunded pension liabilities.

9. Revenue from the Manitoba Law Foundation

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Statutory Grant	$ 1,895,908	$ 1,326,595
Public Interest Law Centre	150,000	150,000
University Law Centre	45,000	45,000
	$ 2,088,908	$ 1,523,595

A statutory grant, pursuant to subsection 67(1) of The Law Society Act, is received annually from The Manitoba Law Foundation. The Society's share under the Act is 50% of the total interest on lawyers' trust accounts as received by the Foundation or a minimum of $1,007,629, whichever is greater. In the event that interest received by the Foundation in the preceding year, after deduction of the Foundation's operational expenses, is not sufficient to pay the statutory minimum of $1,007,629 to The Legal Aid Services Society, the Act provides for pro-rata sharing of the net interest.

For March, 2002 the amount of the grant exceeded the minimum due to higher interest rates during 2000/01 and the level of lawyer trust accounts.

Other grants from The Manitoba Law Foundation are received pursuant to subsection 65(4) of The Law Society Act. These grants are restricted for the Public Interest Law Centre and the University Law Centre. At March 31, 2002, there were no unrestricted funds remaining from these grants.

10. Commitments

i) Leases

The Society rents facilities under operating leases. Unpaid remaining commitments under the leases, which expire at varying dates to March 31, 2007 are:

2003	$ 430,237
2004	$ 399,386
2005	$ 399,386
2006	$ 399,386
2007	$ 274,412
	$ 1,902,807

ii) Private Bar

Estimated total commitments for future billings on outstanding legal aid certificates amount to $6,707,000 as at March 31, 2002 (2001 - $6,293,000).

Notes to Financial Statements
for the year ended March 31, 2002

11. Related Parties Transactions

The Society is related in terms of common ownership to all Province of Manitoba created departments, agencies and crown corporations. The Society enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business.

12. Private Bar Fees and Disbursements, net

	Fees	Disbursements	2002 Total	2001 Total
Legal Aid Certificates	$7,377,719	$687,452	$8,065,171	$7,333,380
Reduction in fees	(52,310)	-	(52,310)	(231,388)
Holdback Repayment	95,566	-	95,566	193,800
	7,081,952	687,452	8,178,309	7,160,604
Duty Counsel	133,821	-	133,821	208,772
Reduction in fees	(720)	-	(720)	(2,000)
Holdback Repayment	752	-	752	1,200
	133,853	-	133,853	207,972
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	-	82,335	82,335	69,366
Net	$7,215,419	$769,787	$8,194,496	$7,437,938

Since 1992 the private bar fees have been reduced by a percentage determined by the Board. The specific reduction applied to the private bar fees is the reduction in fees approved by the Board relating to the year in which the legal aid file was opened. For March 31, 2002 the percentage reduction in fees approved by the Board was set at 5% for criminal matters only. However, a holdback holiday was in place for all fees billed in the 2002 fiscal year. There is no liability for the reduction of fees held back beyond the distribution approved by the Board each year.

13. Provision for Employee Pension Benefits

Pension costs consist of the employer's share of pension benefits paid to retired employees, as well as the increase in the unfunded pension liability during the fiscal year. This liability is determined by an actuarial valuation every three years with the balances for the intervening years being determined by formula provided by the actuary. The most recent valuation was completed as at December 31, 1998 by Ellement & Ellement Ltd., Consulting Actuaries.

	2002	2001
Balance at beginning of year	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]
Benefits accrued	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest accrued on benefits	[illegible]	[illegible]
Benefits paid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Balance at end of year	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]

The key actuarial assumptions were a rate of return of [illegible]% (1999 - [illegible]%), 3% inflation (1999 - [illegible]%), salary rate increases of [illegible]% (1999 - [illegible]%) and post retirement indexing at [illegible]% of the inflation rate. The entry age normal actuarial cost method was used and the valuation was last extrapolated to March 31, 2002 using a formula provided by the actuary.

The Province of Manitoba has accepted responsibility for the unfunded pension liability. Accordingly, the provision for employee pension benefits is offset by an receivable from the Province of Manitoba. There are no terms of repayment for this receivable.

10 Public Sector Compensation Disclosure

For the purposes of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act, all compensation for employees, Board members and the private bar fees and disbursements from The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba is disclosed in a separate statement.

11 Change in Accounting Policy

Effective April 1, 2001, The Legal Aid Services Society changed their accounting policy to reflect the capitalization of tenants capital assets. This policy has been accounted for retrospectively as April 1, 2000. This change in accounting policy has had the effect of decreasing the deficiency of revenue over expenditures reported at March 31, 2002 by $[illegible],000 (2001 - $[illegible],000) and increasing the net assets balance at March 31, 2002 by $[illegible],000 (2001 - $[illegible],000).

12 Comparative Figures

Certain of the 2001 financial statement figures have been reclassified to be consistent with the 2002 presentation.

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Supplementary Financial Information Prepared in Accordance with The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba and
To the Board of Directors of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

We have audited the statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees and the Statement of Persons Who Received Remuneration of Over $50,000 for The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba for the year ended March 31, 2005 prepared in accordance with Section 7 and 8 of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act. The financial information is the responsibility of the management of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial information based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial information is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information.

In our opinion, these statements present fairly, in all material respects, the compensation paid to board members and employees, and payments to persons providing legal aid services for the year ended March 31, 2005 by The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba in accordance with the provisions of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Office of the Auditor General

Office of the Auditor General

Winnipeg, Manitoba
August 5, 2005

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba
Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees
For the year Ended March 31, 2022
(Prepared in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act)

Paid to Board Members:	
In aggregate	$21,153.65

Paid to employees in excess of $50,000:

Name	Position	Amount
Richards, S. I.	Executive Director	$96,297.70
McDonald, T.	Supervising Attorney	95,969.50
Taillon, L.J.	Supervising Attorney	95,286.70
Clifford, D.	Director of Operations	94,792.22
Allen, H.L.	Supervising Attorney	94,297.08
Sherman, C.D.	Supervising Attorney	94,297.08
Sandhu, P.K.	Supervising Attorney	94,052.67
Hussain, W.L.	Director of Policy & Planning	93,910.50
Kotuliash, T.W.	Supervising Attorney	93,414.66
Hussain, R.G.	Deputy Director	93,396.62
Dzedzevich, L.B.	Supervising Attorney	93,119.50
Patuk, M.D.	Supervising Attorney	93,119.50
Dunn, W.	Legal Director	91,877.34
Harnett, K.	Area Director	91,877.34
Pitts, H.	Staff Attorney	85,192.65
Kolesa, D.D.	Staff Attorney	84,563.17
Graftaa, R.N.	Staff Attorney	83,771.54
Peppis, H.C.	Staff Attorney	83,771.54
McGarry, A.D.	Staff Attorney	83,686.61
Wirtz, C.C.	Staff Attorney	83,671.54
Cardiff, A.A.	Staff Attorney	83,671.54
Hyenyah, S.B.	Staff Attorney	83,277.15
Hendrickson, D.A.	Staff Attorney	83,277.15
Walker, W.	Staff Attorney	83,067.94
Doyle, D.	Staff Attorney	82,715.33
Kikulis, R.	Staff Attorney	82,669.14
Brecht, R.G.	Staff Attorney	82,393.95
Chartland, L.A.	Staff Attorney	82,393.95
Hart, M. E.	Staff Attorney	82,393.95
Hemmink, R.H.	Staff Attorney	82,393.95
Machulay, D.S.	Staff Attorney	82,393.95
Rutter, C.C.	Staff Attorney	79,465.05
McCaffrey, K. M.	Staff Attorney	79,902.34
Pauls, C.	Staff Attorney	79,917.73
Chiwetin, L.J.	Staff Attorney	77,542.97
Poltz, A.	Director	77,113.85
Kriama, J.B.	Staff Attorney	76,568.89
Hartviklis, S.M.	Staff Attorney	76,151.17
Kenwaggak, A.	Staff Attorney	75,223.31
Heuckelom, J.D.	Staff Attorney	72,236.35
Lipman, A.M.	Staff Attorney	70,914.23
Cuervo, M.	Staff Attorney	69,468.94
Kingsley, P.	Staff Attorney	68,160.01
Rehbein, J.	MIS Director	67,991.53
Barclay, J.A.	Staff Attorney	65,652.94
Stewart, W.K.	Staff Attorney	65,639.72
Johnston, S.	Staff Attorney	64,688.91
Rehnervald, D.	Information Services Officer	62,894.74
Dearing, R.	Director Administration	61,359.45
Robinson, S.E.	Staff Attorney	58,798.97
Van Schie, S.	Staff Attorney	55,605.11
Peter, S.	Staff Attorney	54,237.91
Longdon, W.J.S.	Staff Attorney	51,302.89
Freimer, S.	Staff Attorney	50,636.91